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Subject: Comment about rule change

RE: * Expanded reporting of ill passengers on board interstate air carriers as well as air and sea carriers arriving from foreign countries. * Requirements that air and sea carriers arriving from foreign countries as well as certain interstate air carriers maintain passenger and crew lists and can submit lists electronically to CDC upon request. * Explicit due process provisions for persons subject to quarantine.

I was wondering if any thought had been given to including tour buses to this rule or an alternative rule? In Branson, Missouri the City of Branson Health Department and the Taney County Health Department routinely conduct surveillance regarding Norovirus outbreaks across the country and Canada because our tourist industry can be severely affected.

Additionally, during the SARS outbreak in Canada we learned that tour buses from the affected area were moving freely across the border while airplane passengers were being screened. Fortunately, this turned out to not be a problem. But, in certain scenarios it is conceivable that a tour bus traveling through several states making frequent stops may pose more of a threat than an airplane.

I realize that this industry would be difficult to monitor and many issues would need to be addressed. But, it would be prudent to investigate the problem so that future control measures or disease surveillance can be implemented.

Thank you,

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